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HOUSE RESOLUTION 66
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A RESOLUTION To honor the officers and members of the
Exchange Club of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on
the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, With its national motto of "Unity for Service," taken from the 133rd Psalm,
the Exchange Club is one of America's greatest civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, One of the best local Exchange Clubs, the Exchange Club of Murfreesboro,
will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on Tuesday, May 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The Exchange Club of Murfreesboro had 53 charter members, four of whom
are still active: William P. Allen, Jr., William B. Coleman, John D. Hood and Dalton Stroop; the
club was officially chartered on June 5, 1951, after the permanent organizational meeting (POM)
was held on April 19, 1951; and

WHEREAS, The club has a long tradition of outstanding service to the Rutherford
County area, always keeping in focus the ideals of American Citizenship, Community Service
and the needs of Youth; and

WHEREAS, In its early days, the club sponsored the Rutherford County Civil Defense
and Rescue Unit, maintaining a fire and rescue unit and ensuring that its members received

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important training in order to be prepared to work in any disaster. The leaders of the group at that time included former Murfreesboro Mayor Joe B. Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Also during its early years, the Exchange Club of Murfreesboro was a pioneer in recruiting volunteers for the Bloodmobile and was also instrumental in getting other civic groups interested and involved in this worthwhile project; and

WHEREAS, With a strong commitment to providing positive activities for youth, the Exchange Club of Murfreesboro was an early sponsor and developer of the city's Babe Ruth League, which continues to attract and involve young people; and

WHEREAS, One of the club's most satisfying projects was hosting orphans from the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home in Franklin, providing them with dinner and gifts at Christmas time. This project was spearheaded by member Clyde White, who was raised at the home; and

WHEREAS, Since 1979, the Exchange Club of Murfreesboro, and all Exchange Clubs nationally, have had as their National project the prevention of child abuse. The local group is one of the major supporters of the Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse in Murfreesboro, with most of the funds raised through their popular Annual Horse Show going to support this excellent purpose; and

WHEREAS, In that memorable year of 1979, the Evening Club chartered the Noon Exchange Club of Murfreesboro, which has also enjoyed much success; and

WHEREAS, Both the Evening Club and the Noon Club have produced a National President: William F. Ketron, from the Noon Club and John Hood, from the Evening Club; and

WHEREAS, The Golden anniversary celebration of the Exchange Club of Murfreesboro will include Gerald Franklin, the National President of the Exchange Clubs of America and Ken Roberts, from McMinnville, who is the National President-Elect; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause to join in the commemoration of this fine event, reflecting with deep admiration on the community service provided for one-half century by The Exchange Club of Murfreesboro; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend the officers and members of the Exchange Club of Murfreesboro on the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary and wish them much continued success in all that they do.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.